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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM THE SHAH OF IRAN

1. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT FROM
SHAH DELIVERED BY IRANIAN EMBASSY:

"ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXPRESSING TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS TO THE FREEDOM LOVING AMERICAN PEOPLE MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST GREETINGS.

"THE CELEBRATION OF THIS HISTORIC EVENT GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE PROFOUND ADMIRATION OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE AND MYSELF FOR THE SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HAVE MARKED YOUR HISTORY IN THIS PERIOD AND TRANSFORMED YOUR COUNTRY AND BROUGHT IT TO THE PRIVILEGED AND UNMATCHED POSITION WHICH IT ENJOYS TODAY AND FROM WHICH

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OTHERS HAVE DRAWN INSPIRATION IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS.

"IN CONVEYING MY BEST WISHES TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE SPIRIT OF WARM FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST THAT HAS ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH THESE DECADES AND TO REAFFIRM MY CONVICTION THAT THESE VERY CLOSE BONDS OF AMITY AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS AHEAD TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLES AND IN THE INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI."

. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO SHAH:

"YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU WARMLY FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE. THESE TWO CENTURIES, SHORT AS THEY HAVE BEEN WHEN COMPARED WITH YOUR OWN COUNTRY'S LONG AND GLORIOUS HISTORY, HAVE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A FUTURE IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY CONFIDENT THAT THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND THAT IN FACING THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO COUNT ON YOUR WISE COUNSEL AND VALUED FRIENDSHIP. SINCERELY, GERALD FORD."

3. NO RELEASE PLANNED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF IRANIANS WISH TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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